

King County Democrats 2008 General Candidate Questionnaire

Candidate Name	Janet Way
Position sought	Shoreline City Council, Position #3
Residence Legislative, County Council and Congressional district	940 NE 147 th St Shoreline, WA 98155, 32 nd LD, 1 st KC District, and 7 th Congressional District
Are you a Democrat? Are you known as a Democrat?	Yes I am a proud Democrat. I am known as a Democrat, voted and participated in Precinct Caucuses over the last 20 years and have received the endorsement of the 32 nd District for my last election.
Campaign Information	
Campaign Name	Citizens to Re-elect Janet Way
Web page	Under construction
Campaign Email address	<janetway@yahoo.com>
Manager	self
Campaign mailing address	Box 100 519 NE 165 th St. Shoreline, WA 98155
Campaign phone number	206-365-4477 or 206 734-5545
Campaign FAX	same

Candidate Background: Community service, education, employment and other relevant experience.

My background is that I grew up in a small town in NJ. My dad was once Mayor of that town and I learned from an early age that community service is a natural part of being a citizen. We also learned a deep appreciation for nature and conservation.

I attended Moore College of Art in Philadelphia and earned BS in Art Ed. There, I was very active in political activities. After college I moved out west to explore new possibilities, where I met my husband. We've been married over 31 years and raised two sons in Shoreline schools.

When we moved to Shoreline for the schools, I soon became very involved with protecting, expanding and enhancing our neighborhood park and watershed restoration, founding the Paramount Park Neighborhood Group. I also ran a small commercial arts business for over 25 years and got involved with youth sports and scouts. The interest in the park and environment led to activism for watersheds including championing the daylighting of Thornton Creek project at Northgate, as President of the Thornton Creek Legal Defense Fund and many restoration projects in Shoreline and beyond. I still serve as a Northgate Stakeholder and member of the

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Thornton Creek Watershed Oversight Council. As a result, I also got involved with the 32nd District and Chambers of Commerce. Served on Shoreline Parks and Recreation and Cultural Board.

I've been proud to work for improvements and protection of the Fircrest Campus, co-founded South Woods Preservation Group and succeeded in helping that new park become a reality by working hard and collaboratively on the Parks Bond Campaign 2006. I've worked closely with Shoreline Solar Project, Sustainable Shoreline and Shoreline Merchants Association. I'm a proud advisory board member for Seattle Urban Nature which maps our Urban Forests.

I was elected to the Shoreline City Council in 2005 and have been proud to also serve on several regional committees such as, WRIA 8, Lake Ballinger Watershed Forum, and now as Western Cites Representative to the Evergreen Communities Task Force. I was pleased to be on the steering committee for the Green Business program in the Shoreline Chamber and North King County Green Business Seminar.

As a member of the City Council, I'm proud to say that Shoreline is at the forefront of the Green Economy in WA State. We passed a very progressive Sustainability Strategy, and are now building a smarter, greener Aurora Project and City Hall. We passed a new contract with CleanScapes as our waste hauler and are reducing our waste and greatly increasing our recycling rates. In addition, we've passed a Housing Strategy and Economic Development Plan. And this year we've worked intensively on a Community Visioning process to prepare for the next 20 years. In addition we've passed one of the strongest Stormwater Codes and Critical Areas Ordinances in our State.

This year, some of my goals are to complete a Tree Preservation Ordinance and create a Shoreline Historical and Cultural Committee. I'd also like to see our City Visioning Process completed and to work towards a Development Plan that enhances neighborhoods in a citizen based process, including a Sustainable Master Development Plan for Fircrest, Shoreline Community College and Crista sites. In addition, I'd like to see Shoreline become a true hub for the "Green Economy". We have been building this foundation, working with innovative business members and entrepreneurs.

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Describe your qualifications, education, employment, community and civic activity, Union affiliation and other relevant experience.

- BS in Art Education, Moore College of Art, Phila, PA
- Currently employed during the season as a sales representative for Appel Farms at local Farmers Markets, selling excellent sustainably grown Farmstead Cheeses.
- Self-employed as a commercial artist
- President, Paramount Park Neighborhood Group and Thornton Creek Legal Defense Fund
- Advisory Boardmember, Seattle Urban Nature
- Member, Northgate Stakeholders
- Member, Shoreline Chamber
- Served one term on Shoreline City Council 2005– 2009
- Western Cities Representative, WA State Evergreen Communities Task Force
- Shoreline Representative on Lake Ballinger Watershed Forum
- Shoreline Representative on WRIA 8 Forum
- Founding member of Shoreline new Economic Gardening Group
- Former member of Postal Workers Union, received KC Labor Endorsement in 2003 +05 campaigns
- Endorsed in 2005 by KC Washington Conservation Voters and Sierra Club

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What ratings and endorsements have you received?	
Legislative District Democrats	32 nd Dist Dems - 2003-05
Union Endorsement	KC Labor, AFSCME, ATU - '05
Municipal League	NA
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Other Endorsements	WPC- 2003, Sierra Club '05, KC-WCV '03-05, WA Fed Democratic Women '05,

Which groups do you plan to ask for an endorsement? All of the above + Firefighters, Police

Please answer the following questions*		Yes	No	Qualified
1	Do you support the King County Democratic Platform?	X		
2	Do you support the right of workers (excluding military) to bargain and strike?	X		
3	Do you support affirmative action?	X		
4	Do you support freedom of choice in contraception, abortion and sterilization?	X		
5	Do you support public funding for abortions for poor women?	X		
6	Do you support school vouchers? Do you support charter schools?		X	
7	Do you support the Davis-Bacon Act?	X		
8	Do you support equal rights for women?	X		
9	Do you support major changes in the way we live to help stop global warming?	X		
10	Do you support the restoration of voting rights to persons convicted of a felony who have served their sentence?	X		

Please answer the following questions *		Yes*	No
1	Have you ever failed to pay any taxes or court ordered judgments?		X
2	Have you ever been found in violation of a Public Disclosure Commission, Federal Election Commission or Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission regulation?		X
3	Have you ever been convicted of a felony?		X

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* If you answered "Yes" or "Qualified" please explain your answer.

Are you a member of another political party? If so, which ones? Have you ever supported or given money to a candidate from another party in a partisan race? If so, whom?
NO

Are you a member of your local Democratic District Party?
YES
Have you contributed financially to any Democratic Organization?
YES
Have you been a Precinct Committee Officer?
NO When/Where?

•What are the main messages of your campaign?
*"Walking the Walk for Shoreline's Future"
* Broad Prosperity, Sustainable City with Quality Growth which respects neighborhoods.
•What is your campaign plan? See separate sheet – in development
• How many doors have you knocked on to date NA , Plan to hit 50 precincts
• pieces of mail planned 2-3 , budgeting, staffing VOLUNTEERS and possibly consultant
• What is the fundraising goal for your campaign? \$25- 30K
• How much have you raised to date? \$3K
• Why will you win? Heart, great supporters, belief in citizen powered democracy and experience with our community issues that I know people care about; working for and listening to the people and willingness to doorbell every section of our City to meet and listen to as many residents as possible.
Yes, I will support Democrats as long as they are working for our platform and values.

• What are the single most pressing issues facing your jurisdiction?
• Planning and the impacts of growth and development on neighborhoods + infrastructure including, transportation, density, open space, public safety and green economy.
• *Creating a sustainable economic foundation is vital to build a great future. We need to work for sustainable, walkable neighborhoods and connections to local businesses.
•What actions would you take if elected? Continue to work for citizen based planning for development, while preserving open space and promoting sustainable living.

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If you are a candidate in a contested primary race, what record of performance, ability, experience, personal qualities, and positions on issues distinguish you from your opponent(s)? I WON A PRIMARY IN MY FIRST RACE AGAINST ALL ODDS.

If you do not receive the nomination, is there any reason you could not support your Democratic opponent in the general election? Please explain. Yes I will support the democrat as long as the person supports our platform and values.

Do you believe the current structure of taxes and/or fees that generate funds in your area are fair?

NO If not, how would you change it?

I believe that the Sales Tax alone is not a progressive tax system. I believe our current tax structure does put a great burden on our lower and middleclass wage earners and seniors. We need to increase the tax base by building an innovative economy with appropriate development and family wage jobs to "grow the pie".

King County has a ten year plan to end homelessness. What ideas do you have to increase low income and affordable housing/?

Prevent loss of existing affordable housing, create opportunities to build affordable housing in conjunction with mixed use, development where possible, and in conjunction with neighborhood planning. Also, support sustainable development and mixed use that includes, increased subsidized units to benefit family wage earners, especially for families with children. It is also important to protect existing housing and character of neighborhoods. The new development should be concentrated near transportation hubs and provide easy access to jobs, schools, shopping, open space and daycare.

What role should government play in the healthcare system? Our government should be an important player in universal coverage in order to even the playing field for all. There should be access to quality care including mental health, alternative medicine and public health system should be supported for all residents. Our city can help by supporting public health facilities, RHC's and encouraging healthy lifestyles with our policies.

What is your position on civil rights for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered people?

Equal Rights for all.

What is your position on equal rights for same-sex couples when it comes to benefits, civil unions, marriage and parental rights?

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I support both civil unions and marriage, and full parental rights. This will support a strong foundation for our community and families.

What creative solutions can you offer to address the problems of the economically disadvantaged? Provide training and employment opportunities in local Community Colleges, especially for Green Economy when possible. Provide more transportation solutions along with housing solutions with access to job centers, but also support small business growth on local levels. Support early child education and childcare, and flexible employment for working parents.

I have read this questionnaire and understand and approve the content and all provided information.

Printed Name	Janet Way	Date
Signature		3/20/09